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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-3,6-14 and 17-24</u> .			
3. The drawings filed on are accepted by the Examin	er.		
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In the response to the office action mailed on 10/17/2003 the applicants have indicated that the present invention requires UV stabilizers or hindered amine light stabilizers. The applicants further indicated that the amine and phenolic compounds of the prior art of HEEL are not light stabilizers but crosslinking inhibitors.

In view of the above comment and careful reconsideration of the prior art of HEEL the examiner agrees. The examiner noted that the prior art of HEEL specifically refers to the phenolic and amine compounds as inhibitors in col. 3, line 51. In view of the above, it is examiner's position that the prior art of HEEL does not teach the light stabilizers required by the independent claims of the present invention and therefore the prior art of HEEL is no longer applicable as a 102 reference.

Applicants' Declaration dated 7/8/2003 signed by Mr. F. Goffing (a co-inventor of HEEL reference) also disclosed that the composition of HEEL would not have wetherable properties required by the present invention. In view of the above declaration, pending claims of the present invention are passed to issue.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Katarzyna Wyrozebski Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-1127. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 6:30 AM-4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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